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National Railroad, 483 ; immigrants inspected and passed, 19 ; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 6.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

End of smallpox in Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, ILL., June 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended June 16, 1900, there were no new cases of smallpox in this city. This is the first week since November 18, 1899, that there have been no new cases to report.

The city pesthouse was vacated by June 10, 1900, having been continuously occupied since November 18, 1899, a period of six months and twenty-two days. In that time there were 108 cases, with 6 deaths reported. Of the deaths, 4 were negroes and 2 were whites ; all with the confluent type of the disease. The majority of the cases were mild, but a large number had the confluent form. Upon personal inquiry and visitation I found none of the patients had ever been successfully vaccinated, while over 90 per cent had never been vaccinated at all. The foci of infection were legion, several centers being within the city, while many cases were imported from near-by States. One patient, white, school-teacher, had 2 distinct attacks and recovered. There were no deaths from the disease among the patients of the Marine-Hospital Service.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox in West Virginia.

CHARLESTOWN, W. VA., June 19, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report the following facts in connection with the smallpox situation in this city:

First. The hearing before Judge Faulkner on the question of a restraining injunction has been indefinitely postponed.

Second. I now have the camp, consisting of 12 acres, inclosed with an 8-strand barbed wire fence, and have finished the erection of 2 smallpox hospitals, 2 detention buildings, 1 mess hall, 1 guardhouse, and 1 bath house.

The various sections of the plant are roped off in what I consider a satisfactory manner. The camp is lighted by 3 arc lights and has telephonic connection. The necessary work would have been completed forty-eight hours earlier but for an unusual downfall of rain, lasting that length of time, during which it was impossible to prevail upon the men to work. I now have 14 patients in the smallpox hospital and the camp will be open for the reception of suspects at sunrise to-morrow.

Respectfully,

W. CHESTER BILLINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

CAMP WASHINGTON,
Charlestown, W. Va., June 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that at the present time the personnel within the limits of this camp is as follows: Medical officer, 1 ; captain of guard, 1 ; sergeant of guard, 1 ; commissary of subsistence, 1 ; laborer, 1 ; guards, 14 ; patients with smallpox, 30 ; suspects, 53 ; total, 102.

Respectfully,

W. CHESTER BILLINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.